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SUMMARY: MUZOREWA ANC NEWSLETTER, DATED JANUARY 25, 1977 FEATURES

"AN OPEN LETTER TO NYERERE" AND "A SAD COMMENTARY ON KAUNDA".
OPEN LETTER TO NYERERE IS COUCHED MORE IN TERMS OF SORROW THAN ANGER.
NYERERE, ADDRESSED AS A LOGICAL, POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER, IS ASKED
TO RECONSIDER THE FRONTLINE DECISION TO LEND ITS SUPPORT TO
THE "CHEAP GIMMICKRY" OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. IN THE LETTER
UANC CRITICIZES THE ROLE OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY FOR DELIBERATELY FORCING A SEPARATION BETWEEN THE POLICAL
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AND MILITARY WINGS OF THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS AND FAVORING
THE "THIRD FORCE". THE BASIC TRUST OF THE PRESENTATION IS THAT
IT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH AFRICAN POLITICS FOR NEIGHBORS TO
IMPOSE LEADERSHIP ON THOSE STRUGGLING FOR FREEDOM. LETTER ALSO
QUOTES FROM PRESS REPORTING THAT A HIGH ZAMBIAN OFFICIAL SAID
AT THE TIME OF GENEVA, "EVEN IF BISHOP MUZOREWA IS ELECTED
WE WILL REMOVE HIM". LETTER ASKES IF THIS IS THE TYPE OF DIRTY

POLITICS AFRICA WANTS TO BE INVOLVED IN. IN "A SAD COMMENTARY ON KAUNDA" THE UAC REACTS STRONGLY TO ZAMBIA'S DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH THE UANC. UANC MAINTAINS THAT SINCE 1974 KAUNDA AND ZAMBIA HAVE BEEN PUSHING NKOMO RELENTLESSLY. THIS ZAMBIAN PRESSURE IS TANTAMOUNT TO IMPERIALISM, WHICH THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA, WHILE GRATEFUL FOR ZAMBIAN ASSISTANCE, WILL RESIST. UANC WILL REFUSE TO FOLLOW ZAMBIAN DICTATES AND "IF ZAMBIA HAS ANY NOTION OF CREATING A LEBANON IN ZIMBABWE THEN WE CAN ONLY TELL THE ZAMBIANS THAT, WHILE WE TREASURE PEACE AMONG AFRICAN BROTHERS, SHOULD WAR BE FORCED ON US, WE SHALL NOT RETREAT FROM IT JUST AS WE HAVE REFUSED TO RETREAT FROM THE WAR SMITH HAS FORCED ON US". HARASSMENT OF ZIMBABWEANS IN ZAMBIA MUST CEASE, OR THE SEEDS OF FUTURE HOSTILITY ARE BEING SOWN. END SUMMARY

1. "AN OPEN LETTER TO NYERERE" IS THE FIRST PIECE IN THE MUZOREWA ANC NEWSLETTER OF JANUARY 25, 1977, CIRCULATED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN LUSAKA ON FEB.9 AND POSSIBLY MAILED TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. IN RATHER LONG SOMEWHAT REPETITIVE LETTER TO NYERERE AS UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMAN OF ZIMBABWE'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND A LOGICAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER UNAC PRESENTS ITS VIEWS ON THE INEQUITY OF THE FRONTLINE'S DECISION TO BACK THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THE PF IS DESCRIBED AS "POLITICAL GIMMICKRY" WITHOUT A POLITICAL BASE IN ZIMBABWE. MUZOREWA IS BOOSTED AS THE LEADER IN ZIMBABWE WITH INTERNAL SUPPORT. IT IS STRESSED THAT IT IS THE BUSINESS OF NO ONE BUT THE ZIMBABWEANS TO SELECT THEIR LEADERS. THE OPEN LETTER ALSO ATTACKS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE FOR FORCING A SEPARATION BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY WINGS OF THE NATIONALISTS AND FAVORING THE "THIRD FORCE". IT IS POINTED OUT THAT UANC REMAINS OPEN TO ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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SHADES OF OPINION. NYERERE'S EFFORTS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER DIRECTED AT GETTING THE "DIVISIONISTS AND HUNGRY POWER-SEEKERS" BACK INTO THE FOLD OF THE ANC-ZLC RATHER THAN ENCOURAGING THEIR DIVISIONIST ACTIVITIES. CITING A WESTERN PRESS REPORT AS ITS SOURCE, LETTER SAYS A HIGH ZAMBIAN OFFICIAL HAD SAID THAT EVEN IF ELECTED MUZOREWA WOULD BE "REMOVED". THE LETTER CLAIMS THIS REPRESENTS "THE MOST DESPICABLE AND MOST DISGUSTING DISPLAY OF THE INTOXICATION AND ARROGANCE OF POWER". IF IT CAN BE DECIDED FOR ZIMBABWE WHO ITS LEADERS SHOULD BE, THEN WHY SHOULDN'T THE SAME APPLICATION OF INFINITE WISDOM BE UTILIZED IN OTHER AFRICAN STATES. THE LETTER ENDS ON A MODERATE NOTE EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE CAN BE THE ARCHITECTS OF THEIR OWN DESTINY.

2. FILLING OUT THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER WAS "A SAD COMMENTARY ON KAUNDA". THE COMMENTARY OPENS WITH A RECAPITULATION OF ZAMBIA'S BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE ANC (REFTEL) AND OBSERVATION THAT MUZOREWA AND HIS LIEUTENANTS HAVE NOT APOLOGIZED. THEN IT GOES ON TO DOCUMENT ITS VIEW OF ZAMBIA'S INTERFERENCE IN ZIMBABWEAN AFFAIRS. CITED AS INTERFERENCE AND ATTEMPTED ZAMBIAN

DICTATION ARE THE THWARTED ZAMBIAN EFFORT TO IMPOSE NKOMO AS THE LEADER OF THE ANC WHEN IT WAS FORMED IN DECEMBER 1974. NEXT IS CHONA'S SIGNING OF THE PRETORIA AGREEMENT IN AUGUST 1975 ON BEHALF OF ZIMBABWE WITH NO ZIMBABWEANS PRESENT. MUZOREWA WENT TO THE VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE CONFERENCE AND MAINTAINED TO SMITH AND VORSTER THAT THE PRETORIA AGREEMENT WAS NULL AND VOID BECUASE ZAMBIA DID NOT SPEAK FOR ZIMBABWE. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1975, WHEN AT A RUMP MEETING OF THE ANC NKOMO HAD HIMSELF DECLARED PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT KAUNDA REFUSED TO ALLOW MUZOREWA TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN ZAMBIA TO ANNOUNCE NKOMO'S EXPULSION. AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE VICTORIA FALLS TALKS, DESPITE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TANZANIA, BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA THAT NO FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE HELD SITH SMITH UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIPE,, NKOMO BEGAN HOLDING CLANDESTINE MEETINGS WITH SMITH. BY DECEMBER 1975 THEY HAD AGREED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS IN RHODESIA. ZAMBIA SENT A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO ASSIST NKOMO IN THESE TALKS AND EVEN WHEN THEY FAILED ZAMBIA REFUSED TO CONSIDER NKOMO "IRRELEVANT"

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AS IT SAID IT WOULD AND CONTINUED TO PUSH HIM AS THE PARAMOUNT ZIMBABWE LEADER. FOLLOWING THE 1976 DECISION THAT ALL GUERRILLAS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE SAME CAMPS UNDER THE SAME COMMAND ZAMBIA ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF A NEW FRONT AND ALL ZAPU GUERRILLAS WERE RETURNED TO ZAMBIA TO THEIR CAMPS WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN CLOSED. THIS LAST ZAMBIAN ACTION, THE COMMENTARY SEES AS ZAMBIA'S CONTRIB-IBUTION TO A ZIMBWEAN CIVIL WAR. ZAMBIA'S BEHAVIOR IS SEEN AS ILLUSTRATION OF THE PHORISM MY ENEMIES I KNOW, BUT GOD PROTECT ME FROM MY FIRENDS. THOUGH APPRECIATIVE OF ZAMBIAN ASSISTANCE THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE TOLD "ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ARE SOVEREIGN". "....WE KNOW THAT ZAMBIA HAS WORKED A SCENARIO OF LEADERSHIP IN ZIMBABWE AND WE ARE PREPARED TO STOP ZAMBIAN IMPERIALISM NORTH OF THE ZAMBEZI RIVER." THE UANC WELCOMES THE BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA AND HOPES ZAMBIA WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL NOT FOLLOW ZAMBIA'S DICTATES. "IF ZAMBIA HAS ANY NOTION OF CREATING A LEBANON IN ZIMBABWE THEN WE CAN ONLY TELL THE ZAMBIANS THAT WHILE WE TREASURE PEACE AMONG AFRICAN BROTHERS SHOULD WAR BE FORCED ON US WE SHALL NOT RETREAT FROM IT JUST AS WE HAVE REFUSED TO RETREAT FROM THE WAR WHICH SMITH HAS FORCED ON US."

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